

THE SUNDAY AMERICAN

DIPLOMATS STARTED BY DRASTIC AMERICAN NOTES TO GREAT BRITAIN AND THE KAISER

THE WEATHER.
Fair and colder tonight and Saturday; fresh west to northwest winds.
Sun rises 6:46, sets 5:12.
Moon rises 6:03 a. m., 43.
Temperature at 10:30 a. m., 42.
High tide 9:45 a. m., 10:15 p. m.

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BOSTON, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1915.

PRICE ONE CENT.

IT'S ALL HERE
IT'S ALL NEW

"TOODLES" KISS SONG STOPPED

EXTRA GIRL SAYS WAITT KISSED MRS. HERRICK

LAWYER SICK, 'TOODLES' CASE IS POSTPONED

The "Toodles" case came to a sudden halt today in the Superior Court when the trial was postponed until Monday morning after several witnesses had testified.

'Toodles' Kiss Song in Show Is Suppressed

The song "Miss Anabelle Kissed Toodles" has been stopped. Counsel for Miss Elizabeth M. Ryan notified John Cort, owner of the Court Theatre, and J. Edward Cort, the manager, that the "Toodles" song sung in the "What's Going On" show now at the Court was prejudicial to the breach of promise case now on trial. The song was thereupon withdrawn.

In the meantime, J. A. Sullivan, attorney for the song, has protested against its withdrawal and has discussed bringing action for damages against David H. Coakley and Daniel J. Daley, counsel for Miss Ryan, for interfering with its presentation.

Daniel J. Daley of counsel for Miss Ryan said today:

"I notified Mr. Cort that the song was legally improper as the case is now on trial before a jury and would prejudice our case."

Chicago Academy of Music Burned

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The Academy of Music, one of the aristocratic playhouses of the West Side, was destroyed today in a fire during which the balcony fell upon several frames, stunning them. The gallery fell soon after the fire was discovered and the flames abandoned the building and turned their efforts to saving adjoining property, in which they were successful. The store of the Newark Shoe Company next door, in which the fire started, suffered a loss of \$25,000. The theatre loss was \$75,000.

New South Wales to Seize All Meat

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 12.—The bill empowering the government to take possession of all meat supplied in the State for the use of the imperial government during the war passed both law-making bodies Thursday.

Find Homeless Man with Feet Frozen

Patrolman McLoughlin of the Dorchester police found Andrew Lidberg asleep in the Saxon Hill railway station and unable to stand because his feet were frozen. Out of work and homeless, Lidberg had tramped from Canada to Boston. In the district court today Judge Churchill committed him to the State Farm as a vagrant.

To Forbid Sale of Absinthe in France

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted a new law forbidding the sale of absinthe in France.

WAITT KISSED MRS. HERRICK, WITNESS SAYS

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Herrick, witness in the "Toodles" case, today testified that she saw Miss Elizabeth M. Ryan kiss Waitt at a dinner at the Hotel Theridale, and Waitt once said that he would marry her, according to testimony in the Waitt-Herrick 275-cent alienation suit at East Cambridge today.

Waitt is the defendant in the suit which was brought by Ralph M. Herrick, former Tufts College student, and husband of the woman who was named as having kissed the musician.

The "kissing" incident came out in the question of Miss Alice Benfield Waitt, an attractive young woman of Salem, who followed Waitt to the stand. Miss Waitt said she heard Waitt say that when he got his divorce and Mrs. Herrick got hers, "they would be married."

Waitt showed Mrs. Herrick a card which said:

Mrs. Herrick was a \$100 waiter from him by doing this trick.

Herrick, inquired about the receipt of some candy and that a five-pound box of candy came to the Herricks' home.

Waitt brought a bouquet of jewelry to the Herricks' home.

Mrs. Herrick once asked witnesses to take care of little Dorothy Herrick as Mrs. Herrick could go to New York with Waitt.

Waitt told her (witness) he had been all Mrs. Herrick's life but the latter said she never loved him.

Waitt when he resumed his testimony today told of going to school, saying N. H. to one Mrs. Herrick and receiving a telegram saying she was ill there. He then said Mrs. Herrick.

He paid a doctor's bill for her. He had given her young daughter a diamond ring on her birthday.

He had given Mrs. Herrick a diamond ring.

He frequently had given her money. The courtroom was filled to the last seat. Half of the spectators were women.

NEGRO ADMITS THAT HE KILLED THE CARDERS

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Feb. 12.—Clay Stover, the negro admit, today confessed to Chief of Police outcries at Elizabethton that he killed Alonzo and Horace Gardner near Watauga, Fla., recently.

The body of Alonzo Gardner was found a few days ago but that of Horace Gardner has never been found. Stover told Chief Outcries that he killed the brothers after standing them from the steam yacht of which he was the pilot. He said his brother had killed him. He said his brother had killed him. He said his brother had killed him.

The victim and his brother, Gardner of Springfield, Mass., were shot on a hunting trip in the late part of 1914. Alonzo, a resident of Baltimore, had been interested in North Adams, Mass., where his widow and mother live.

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LINCOLN
By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.
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When God created this good world
A few stupendous peaks were hurled
From His strong hand, and they remain
The wonder of the level plain.
But these colossal heights are rare,
While shifting sands are everywhere.
So with the race, the centuries pass,
And Nations fall like leaves of grass.
They die, forgotten and unsung,
While straight from God some souls are flung
To live, immortal and sublime.
So lives great Lincoln for all time.

PROMISING CLEW TO COE IN WEST

Several large insurance companies today offered their services in the country-wide search for Henry Clarke Coe, Jr., No. 120 Commonwealth avenue, the young standard oil salesman, who mysteriously dropped out of sight Saturday, February 1.

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GERMANY EXPECTED TO HOLD FAST TO BLOCKADE POLICY, DESPITE WASHINGTON NOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—While no information has been received as to whether Germany will accept the ultimatum regarding the British blockade of warships at their ports, it is generally expected that the German government will hold fast to its policy of blockade, despite the note from Washington.

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By LOUIS D. BRANDEIS
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and I am throwing every dollar's worth of this season's stocks into this compulsory event without regard to cost or loss! This is a broad, powerful, compelling clearance. I have permitted nothing to stand in the way of immediate results!

The weather of the past 60 days combined with a general business depression piled up a tremendous surplus in all my stores which must be disposed of at once.

No other merchant can or dare offer the values shown here. My position is unique—My New York custom shops now working six months ahead demand ready money for labor and piece goods. I never shirked taking my medicine, and in this crisis I reserve nothing! Neither have I bought any stock for the purpose of "a sale." Every garment is strictly up-to-date 1915 model and material, and I defy all competition to meet the following reductions:

OVERCOATS—Originally \$12.50 to \$45

Now grouped into 4 priced lots and sacrificed as follows:

114 Overcoats—Were \$12.50

147 Overcoats—Were \$13.50

159 Overcoats—Were \$15.00

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\$7.50

195 Overcoats—Were \$16.50

276 Overcoats—Were \$18.00

210 Overcoats—Were \$20.00

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174 Overcoats—Were \$22.50

246 Overcoats—Were \$25.00

114 Overcoats—Were \$30.00

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164 Overcoats—Were \$35.00

59 Overcoats—Were \$40.00

32 Overcoats—Were \$45.00

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OUR ENTIRE SUIT STOCK INCLUDED—Totalling close to 5000 garments

510 Suits

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877 Suits

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Reduced to **\$9.50**

1346 Suits

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Reduced to **\$11.50**

1134 Suits

Were \$22.50

Reduced to **\$13.50**

And so on up to the finest \$35 Suits, many full silk lined (including all the staple blues and blacks), now reduced to \$17.50

Fur Coats

Muskrat lined, full skin, Persian lamb collar, absolutely guaranteed. Never sold at this price before. **\$25**

Marmot lined, selected skin, choice of collar. Positively guaranteed. Never sold at this price before. **\$35**

Higher priced coats reduced in like proportion. Exceptional bargains in Raincoat Outside Fur Auto Coats

Sale of Odd Trousers

3.00 Trousers \$1.50

3.50 Trousers 2.00

4.00 Trousers 2.50

4.50 and 5.00 Trousers 3.00

and so on up to the \$5.50 Trousers now \$5.

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RUSSIAN ARMIES WITHDRAWING FROM EAST PRUSSIA

40,000 Germans Killed in Recent Fighting in Poland, Paris Announces.

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appears to have been completely checked by the Russians. The losses inflicted by the Czar's troops surpass the worst carnage since the war began. The number of Germans killed numbered 40,000.

The reasons for the failure of the German attacks are the severe cold, the being seven or eight degrees below zero, and the inability of the Germans to attack except in dense forests.

An eye witness of the battle says that Russian soldiers, moving down the range of the enemy like a wall. The Russians, it was reported, were being driven back by the Czar's troops.

The Russian and German of the wounded were terrible. At night, under the light of our searchlights, we could see the wounded lying in a cold snow, trying to extricate themselves from the snow. After two hours it became quiet. They, too, had died.

AUSTRIAN SUCCESS.
Austrian troops have succeeded in breaking through the Russian line in the direction of the Russian front in the direction of the Russian front in the direction of the Russian front.

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"We bombed the railroad depot to Thales and Arncliffe.

"In the course of the attack attempted by the Turkish army February 2 against the Suez Canal, two French warships, the *Albatros* and the *Albatros*, were destroyed.

Bulgaria Is for Strict Neutrality

SOFIA, Feb. 12.—Premier Radoslavov at a meeting of his parliament, announced that the country would maintain a strict and loyal neutrality.

Przemysl Garrison Live on Horseflesh

PETROVGRAD, Feb. 12.—The Austrian garrison at Przemysl, the Galician fortress which is being besieged by the Russians, are subsisting on horseflesh, according to reports from the Austrian army.

35 Killed in Antwerp by Allies' Artillery

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 12.—Thirty-five German soldiers were killed when the allies dropped bombs on Antwerp.

ADDITIONAL WAR NEWS ON PAGE 4.

Just after he had made an inventory we made a little journey through the stock rooms of one of New York's best makers of medium-priced jewelry.

Now jewelry makers usually sell by the gross (144 pieces) so all odd pieces and even dozens left over are thorns in their side.

Consequently, we were able to buy a few brooches here, some rings there, a few dozen bracelets, a box of jeweled neckbands—as well as bigger lots of several discontinued numbers—at concessions for this

Valentine Jewelry Sale

For hundreds of pieces will just serve that need—though they have other uses too, as you will see, Saturday.

\$1 to \$1.50 sterling silver bangles and collar
\$1.50 to \$2.00 sterling silver rings set with novelty stones.
\$1 to \$1.50 brooches; odd designs, set with novelty stones.
\$1 to \$1.50 dainty bracelets.
\$1 velvet and satin collars with rhinestones, ornaments finished like platinum.

50c
\$1.50 to \$2 sterling silver Lavallieres.
\$2 to \$3 sterling silver bangles, with rhinestones and colored stones.
\$1.50 to \$2 velvet and satin collars with sterling ornaments.
\$2 to \$3.50 circle and horseshoe brooches.
\$1.50 to \$2.50 genuine turquoise matrix rings.
\$1.50 to \$2.50 velvet neck bands, ornamented.
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NEW CIRCULAR IS ISSUED FOR MISSING HENRY CLARKE COE, JR.

Private detectives in charge of the search for Henry Clarke Coe, the missing grandson of the missing grand old man, today issued a new circular, which will be sent throughout the country.

The new circular repeats the photograph of the missing man, and after giving again the information that he is twenty-three years old, five feet eight inches tall, weight 125 pounds, add:

May be wearing black fur-lined overcoat (and carrying) Queen's, gold, Hamilton watch, works numbered 731-92.

The other details of his description were given in the first circular.

INSURANCE MEN AID COE SEARCH

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if he was thinking of going west Coe first smiled and then admitted he was.

Personal strength to the western tour, furnished by three Pittsburgh persons whose names are withheld. These claim that they saw a man of Coe's description on a west-bound train that left Boston at 6:09 Saturday night, February 1. It was at any time A—Yes, before we went to the Cape.

Q—Did they stay overnight? A—They did.

THINKS MIND UNBALANCED.
"We have believed from the first," Mr. Coe, "that my son may have started for the West. We think that with his mind unbalanced from overwork here in Boston, and with some vague idea of meeting Mr. Alinsie, his father-in-law, started after him for Chicago Duluth."

"A faint trail as far as Chicago may indicate that the boy is there. We feel sure that he is alive, though he is suffering from alcoholism or some similar disorder."

Mr. Henry Clarke Coe, Sr., father of the young man, likewise believes his son may have started for the West, perhaps subconsciously directed to some place of a prolonged stay on a rainy some years ago, whether he had often wished to return.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Allen Alinsie of Duluth also lean to the Western theory, and Dr. Thomas Blackwood, a veterinarian and a cousin of Mr. Coe, Jr., said today:

"It is really amusing to see people searching for Coe around here. Look for him out West. Why? Well, not just know why, but I think you will find him in the West and not around these parts."

YACHT CREW FROM MICHIGAN.
A crew which is given little credence, but which will be investigated, came today in the shape of a letter to Mrs. Coe, Jr., sent in care of the International News Service and Boston AMERICAN, Mr. Alinsie, after the letter was delivered to him, allowed the AMERICAN to make the following copy of it:

Dear Mrs. Coe:
While reading the Detroit News of February 9, I saw an item concerning the disappearance of Henry Clarke Coe, Jr. of Boston.

I saw a man resembling this picture last Saturday. I found him lying on his back, unconscious in the snow and rain, and he was in the fire, but could not find his name.

He had not been drinking, and acted very strangely.

He said he wanted to go to Oxford, Mich., but he went in the opposite direction, to Rochester. From there he took a car to Rome. He was neatly dressed, had on a dark suit and a brown overcoat. He did not look like a man that did indoor labor. His appearance was that of outside work.

He was tall and slim, with brown eyes. Yours truly, W. R. CHESMAN.

Mr. Alinsie was not inclined to put any faith in this letter. "We receive hundreds like it," he said.

The first possible clue to the missing man came in the discovery of which an agent is believed to have come today from Nantucket. An informant declares he saw a man resembling Coe sail for a coast to a sailing steamer named *Fred Hawes* for \$10. The sale took place on a New York train.

Another report came from a shop at No. 41 Boylston street. He is certain a man closely resembling Coe brought a fur coat there to be repaired.

Drink Hot Tea For a Bad Cold
Get a small package of Hensbury's Hot Tea, or the German folks in Germany. It is a very good remedy. Take a tablespoonful of water, pour through a sieve and add a little hot water. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure, as it keeps the nose, relieving congestion. Also, it keeps the bowels, thus breaking cold at once.

It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless—Advertised.

TELLS OF KISSING IN HERRICK SUIT

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the drug store for her? A—It was not in the middle of the night; it was about 11:30 or 11:45.

Q—Did you ever have breakfast at Mrs. Herrick's? A—Only the morning after Washington's birthday.

Q—When did Mrs. Herrick go to Schenectady? A—March 11.

Q—Did you see her while she was in Schenectady? A—I saw her once. She sent me a telegram saying she was very ill, she was stopping with friends there.

Q—Did you ever write her while she was there? A—Once or twice.

Q—Where did you stop when you went on to see her? A—At a hotel.

Q—With whom did Mrs. Herrick stop? A—With a Mr. and Mrs. Fowler.

Q—Were you ever in Albany with Mrs. Herrick? A—No.

Q—Did you go to Palmyra with Mrs. Herrick in July? A—Yes.

Q—How frequently? A—Nearly every day.

Q—Did you take any long trips? A—Well, I took trips, but I was through an afternoon.

Witness asked if Mrs. Bennett was his housekeeper and that she ate at the same table with them.

Q—Did Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett come out to your house in New York at any time? A—Yes, before we went to the Cape.

Q—Did they stay overnight? A—They did.

HELPED OTHER WOMEN.
Mr. Warr admitted he had paid a doctor's bill for Mrs. Herrick and that he bought her a fur coat in New York. He did not remember that it cost \$150.

He was then in New York with Mrs. Herrick and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and was with the latter when the gossip was brought. Asked if he saw her, he replied he did not. When asked how she was dressed when he took her to a cafe and theatre, Warr said that she was neatly and shabbily attired.

In reply to questions, he said he had helped other women by giving them money, and even to the extent of taking them into his own home. Asked if he had sent such gifts for two months, he replied he did not know about that.

LEGAL
MEN AND BOYS
CLOTHING
WASHINGTON
AND
HANOVER STS.

Winter Suits
AND
Overcoats
\$

Open Evenings

These Garments All Wool, Well Made, Perfect Fitting. Worth \$10.00 of Any Man's Money

PANTS ONE DOLLAR

Buy ARTHUR'S \$25.00 SHOE

The Best \$25.00 Shoe in the World ARTHUR'S SHOE SHOP 69 Washington St. Boston

Advertise Your Wants in the Boston American

Boston Wins "Brady Medal"

Continued Coöperation of Public Earnestly Urged

Boston Elevated Now Stands First in the United States in Safeguarding the Lives of Its Passengers and Employees

During the year ending June 30th, 1914, not a single passenger was killed as a result of the negligence of the Company or its employees—There was not a single fatal accident on the Elevated or Subway trains. The entire passenger traffic during this period averaged Over a Million and a Half Passengers a Day

This remarkable record was made possible through the combined efforts of the Company, the Public, the Safety Campaign Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and, particularly, the splendid response made by the employees in their efforts toward the saving of life and preventing injury; the result was a marked reduction in the number of accidents.

The Company conducted two campaigns among school children, working in co-operation with school authorities, with the result that but four fatal accidents to children were reported during the entire year.

Accident Record of the Elevated for the Year

Not a passenger killed as a result of the negligence of the Company or of its employees.

Five passengers killed by falling from or attempting to leave surface cars when car was in motion.

No other fatal accidents to passengers on surface cars. No collisions or derailments of Elevated trains.

The Company carried 343,181,049 revenue passengers and 270,463,925 transfer passengers, and operated 59,199,617 car miles.

It was upon the extraordinary record of the Company that the judgment of the Awarding Committee was based. The decision of the Committee was made after a full discussion and a secret ballot, which resulted in a unanimous choice of the Boston Elevated Railway Company as the winner of the gold medal. Boston people will share in the pleasure it gives the Company in having its efforts so signally recognized.



The Anthony N. Brady Gold Medal

Awarded to the Boston Elevated Railway Company by the American Museum of Safety

The family of the late Anthony N. Brady authorized the award annually by the American Museum of Safety of a gold medal to the American Electric Railway Company that did the most to conserve the safety and health of the public and its employees. This is the first year the medal has been awarded.

Another medal of silver to the member of the operating staff who contributed the most to the success of such company and another medal of bronze to the employee of the company whose services had been of the most value to the company in the promotion of safety and health.

In order that the awards should be made by a competent body, the jury was selected by the American Electric Railway Association, and consisted of

BION J. ARNOLD

Chairman of the Board of Supervising Engineers, Chicago.

PROF. GEORGE F. SWAIN

Of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

PRES. JAMES H. MCGRAW

McGraw Publishing Co., New York.

COMMISSIONER WM. J. FRENCH

Industrial Accident Commission of California.

FRANK J. SPRACUE

A Consulting Engineer of New York.

Hon. Russell A. Sears, General Attorney, who, as one of the operating staff, has most contributed to the successful record of the Company, was awarded the Silver Medal.

Mr. Henry V. Neal, a mechanic, whose services have been of the greatest value in the promotion of the safety and health of his fellow employees, was awarded the Bronze Medal.

While it must be very gratifying to the million and a half passengers who ride over the Boston Elevated lines daily to know how jealously this Company safeguards their journey, they will also be glad to learn that the Company's efforts do not stop there.

Thousands of dollars are expended by this Company annually in promoting the safety of its employees. The Company has been ably aided in this work by the hearty co-operation of its employees, and doubtless many lives have been saved as a result.

Safety Among the Company's Employees

Safety Committees of employees study the conditions under which employees work. 532 suggestions were received from these committees during the past year.

342 of these suggestions were adopted, 33 others have been approved and 60 others are under consideration.

Classes have been formed among the employees, and physicians address them, instructing them in "first aid," giving practical demonstrations.

The Company was instrumental in the establishment of an emergency hospital on Westland avenue by the Insurance company in which it is insured under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and pays a large percentage of the cost of maintenance.

This is probably the first large hospital in the country organized for the purpose of treating the injured employee, so that he may return to work with the minimum amount of lost time.

Things That Played an Important Part in the Awarding of the Medal:

Among the subjects considered by the Awarding Committee were the care used in the selection and training of employees, the installation of block signals, automatic stop and interlocking switches, protective devices and regulations of danger points, safety devices in cars, car houses, shops and stations, inspection of and maintenance of rolling stock, roadway and power systems; the cleaning, lighting, ventilating and disinfecting of cars, shops, stations and waiting rooms.

For the distinction which comes to our community and the Boston Elevated Railway, the Company desires to make public and grateful acknowledgment to its patrons, school and all other public authorities, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, business concerns, parents, newspapers; and especially to its employees for their co-operation in making a reality the words

SAFETY FIRST

This advertisement is prepared and paid for by the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the belief that it is the most effectual method of bringing to the attention of the public the facts above related, in the expectation that it will lead to still better results for all.

Legal Stamps Given Filled Books Redeemed for \$2.50 in Merchandise or \$2.00 in Cash

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The illustration depicts a detailed cityscape with various buildings, including houses, commercial structures, and industrial factories with smoking chimneys. A large, dark sign with white lettering is prominently displayed in the foreground, reading "MILL AND FACTORY SALE". Above the sign, the words "SOME MILLING" are visible. The scene is rendered in a classic, detailed style typical of early 20th-century advertisements.

"Imitation Is Sincere Flattery"

Our ceaseless and tireless fight against high prices has at last broken the backbone of the BIG DRY GOODS TRUSTS. We rejoice with our patrons that as a result of our unrelenting effort the trusts now do recognize the interests of the people. Hence we are being IMITATED, even BY the BIG STORES.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SALE

Celebrating 50 Years of Bargain Giving at the

OLD BUTLER CORNER

WAS THEN BECAME NOW IS

Butler's *Everybody's Store* **Tremont Stores** **Butler**

A STREET OF GOOD MERCHANDISE - LOW PRICES

No Exaggerated Advertising - Just a Plain Statement of Facts

1890

Extraordinary Sale High Grade Yard Goods
Buy What You Need Now. It Is Your Opportunity to Save Money

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Buy That New Suit, Coat or Dress Now and Save Money

Regular \$15.00 Suits Now) 5.98

Wool, Cashmere, and other dress and suit fabrics, with guaranteed quality fabrics, ready to order, with: sizes 14 to 18 and 28 to 34.

Again We Lead in Point of Bargain Giving

Reg. 79c Combinations 39c

Extra low quality, casual, trimmed with quality materials, made in the U.S.A. 100% is included. A big money-saver for you.

Dresses Now 7.98

Values Up to \$18.00

Crêpe de chine, crepe, velvet, serge, with: new, tulle and memorabilia, all dresses, new, ready to order. Sizes, full figure, with: sizes 14 to 18 and 28 to 34.

\$1.00 Combinations Special 50c

Dresses, blouses, trimmed with quality materials, made in the U.S.A. 100% is included. A big money-saver for you.

\$15.00 Coats 5.00

Women's and Misses'

Purple, velveteen, mixtures and chevilles, bolles, caps, Fox Trot and straight line models all sizes.

69c Skirts 29c 2 for 50c

Skirts, deep, midlength and knee-length, made in the U.S.A. 100% is included. A big money-saver for you.

\$2.50 Skirts 89c

Wool serge and mixture, made in the U.S.A. 100% is included. A big money-saver for you.

\$2.98 Silk Petticoats 1.00

Regular 79c Crepe Gowns, full sizes: special 39c

\$4.98

Unrestricted choice of any Suit, Coat or Dress in our stock.

\$1.00

Regular 79c Crepe Gowns, full sizes: special 39c

First Buyer Lowest Price—Fourth Floor

Third Floor—Mail Orders Filled While Stock Lasts

A DOLLAR SHOE SALE

1.00 Pair Regular **\$2.00, \$2.50** and **\$3.00** Shoes **1.00** Pair

Manufacturer's Entire Stock, 5000 Pairs, Purchased at a Great Concession in Price.
 Your Chance to Buy 2 or 3 Pairs of Shoes for the Price of One

Patent Leather - Calf Shoes - Two-Strap Pumps and Patent Leather Colonials; All Sizes 2½ to 8

Button with cloth or calf tops, low and high heels; wide kid, lace and button and patent leather blucher lace; also some low shoes in the lot.

Wholesale Prices Given on Second Floor. No Exchanges. Mail Orders Filled



\$2.00



\$1.00



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Scene: A Tea in the Dingbat Mansion. And Who Breaks It Up? You Guessed It

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NOT AN UN-USUAL SCENE BUT JUST THE SAME WE'D
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT



So - HERE'S THE HOW OF IT - MRS. D. AT A BRILLIANT 'TEA' HAS ANNOUNCED THAT SHE AND FAMILY WERE ABOUT TO BREAK INTO AMATEUR THEATRICALS, AND PRESENT "CINDERELLA"

His Friend's Imagination Wouldn't Have Been Working

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ABE THERE WAS A MR. NEDWEIK LOOKING FOR YOU AND HE'S GOING TO YOUR OFFICE.

THEN I'M GOING HOME ZIMMERMAN - THAT MR. NEDWEIK IS THE BIGGEST BLUFF TALKER I EVER ASSOCIATED WITH - HE LIKES TO GIVE LITTLE DINGS WHEN HE'S BLUFFING ME!



I SUPPOSE YOU'RE STILL CLERKING? — DO YOU KNOW, I CLEANED UP PROFIT IN OHIO ALONE, NEARLY \$100,000 THIS SEASON?

WELL, AIN'T YOU OUGHT TO THANK ME FOR YOUR SUCCESS?



IF YOU HADN'T MET
ME TODAY, YOU
WOULDN'T BE
SO RICH, YOU
KNOW?

He Didn't Know the Word to Start the Steed. P. S.—And How Will He Stop It?

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HALT - LAY OFF - QUIT
DROP DEAD

No Wonder She Got a Headache

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I SAY I'VE BEEN SHOPPIN' ON 5th AVE. HANK OLE TOP?

YES, SIR. AN' IF YOU'LL JUST SLIP POLLY THIS 'TA-RA-RAN' WITH MY LOVE, I'LL BE OBLIGE'



GOODNESS ME!
I SHOULD WORRY
WOT HE
CALLED IT!

A ROSE BY
ANOTHER
NAME, SAY
I

HEY BOB!
TAKE A
LOOK AT
THE
ROCKS
SEND



PARDON ME,
BUT I MUST GO
LIE DOWN I
FEEL ONE OF
MY HEAD-ACHES
COMING ON!

No Secret for Poor Skinny Shaner To-day

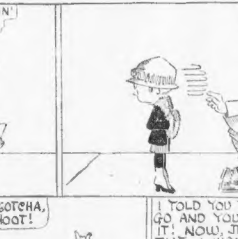
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ARE YOU BUSY?

NOPE, I'M HUNGRY

NOW YOU MUSTN'T BREATHE A WORD OF THIS TO ANYONE!

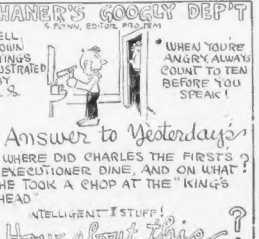


HERE SHE IS EMILY! HEY, COME HERE!

TO LET HER DIDNT DO ST FOR...

ABSQWGT!

COVERLY



SHANER'S GOOGLY DEP'T
S. EYMAN, EDITOR, PRO-DEM

WELL KNOWN SAYINGS ILLUSTRATED BY S. S.

WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY, ALWAYS COUNT TO TEN BEFORE YOU SPEAK!

Answer to Yesterday's
WHERE DID CHARLES THE FIRST'S
EXECUTIONER DINE, AND ON WHAT?
HE TOOK A CHOP AT THE "KING'S
HEAD"

INTELLIGENT STUFF!
Have I sent this?

FROM CHUCK MCBRIDE, SIMCOE, CANADA
WHO WAS THE GREATEST WRESTLER
IN THE BIBLE?

ALL FOR THE LADIES
(TELL US YOUR TROUBLES, GIRLS!)

MYRTLE OF FLATBUSH WANTS TO KNOW
IF WE KNOW HOW TO GET INK STAINS
OUT OF A BLOTTER. WHY GET 'EM OUT?
WHAT'S WHERE THEY BELONGS - DON'T KID US.



KABIBBLE KABARET

HE'S A REGS PICKER, REGS PICKER
A PICKER FROM "A" TO Z
HE'S MAKIN' MONEH, NEIGHBORS SAY
TELLING LOUDLY EVERY DAY
BUY A BALE OF COTTON FROM ME!

—Herb Fagan

HE'S A REGG PICKER, REGG PICKER.
A PICKER FROM "A" TO "Z"
HE'S MAKIN' MONIE, NEIGHBORS SAY
TELLIN' LOUDLY EVERY DAY
"BUY A BALE OF COTTON FROM ME!"
—HERCHFIELD

PAPE'S DISINTEGRATOR FOR INDIGESTION OR BAD STOMACH

Relieves sourness, gas, Heart burn, Dyspepsia in five minutes.

DISCHARGE JURY IN KLEIST CASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (AP) — A jury of twelve men today discharged the defendant in the case of the late Senator John A. Kleist.

PRINCIPALS IN GARDENER HUSBAND'S ALIENATION SUIT



Photographed in the American Courtroom. E. M. BREITUNG, MRS. E. M. BREITUNG, MRS. MARY KLEIST.

Shaw Seeks 50,000 'Dry' State Voters

Shaw, announces his candidacy for the Prohibition nomination for Governor in 1912. Although working very hard to enroll 50,000 voters on a pledge to support a platform of State and National Prohibition, it is not at all certain that he will be able to do so.

Liberty Bell Heard in Frisco Over Wire

San Francisco, Feb. 12. (AP) — The Liberty Bell was heard in San Francisco today over the telephone wires.

FLOOD FOLLOWS BROKEN HYDRANT PROTEST HOLDING VAN DYKE LETTERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (AP) — A flood of water followed the breaking of a hydrant in New York City today.

Boys' Emulsion
Eases Sore Throat,
Lumbago, Neuralgia

W. A. R. Co.
New York

Time and Tuberculosis
The most common cause of tuberculosis is the lack of proper ventilation of the lungs. The most effective remedy is the use of the Emulsion of Scott's Emulsion.

TODAY

Tabulated Lists showing the votes of the first fifty candidates in each class of our Grand Tour Contest will be wrapped with

Peerless Bread Mrs. Walker's Prize Bread Butternut Bread

Honey Bread (large)

Excellent opportunities to enter and to win remain in each group, as the contest is only one-sixth over.

Ballots are packed with the various products of the Fox and Ferguson Bakeries.

For other information and descriptive folder address

TOUR DEPARTMENT

General Baking Co. FOX BAKERY, Charlestown, Mass. FERGUSON BAKERY, Rossmore, Mass.

FISK TIRES

WITH
FISK
SERVICE

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SERVICE

New Low Prices For Established Fisk Quality

BIG PRODUCTION, with our ever increasing distribution, makes the reduction of price and the maintenance of quality possible. You profit both ways.

Here Is The New Standard For Values

Size	Plain Tread Casing	Non-Skid Casing	Tubes
3 x 30	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.45	\$23.35
3 1/2 x 30	11.60	12.20	2.70
4 x 33	19.05	20.00	3.85
4 x 34	19.40	20.35	4.00
4 1/2 x 36	27.35	28.70	5.20
5 x 37	32.30	33.90	6.25

"If You Pay More Than Fisk Prices You Pay For Something That Does Not Exist"

BETTER TIRES than FISK are not made. They are backed by a service policy that is a revelation in efficiency and completeness to those who use Fisk Tires for the first time.

Fisk Tires and Fisk Service Are Inseparable

Every sale we make combines tire mileage and service and the personal interest in each individual transaction to make your satisfaction complete

You Can Buy Fisk Tires At All Dealers

THE FISK RUBBER COMPANY

OF N. Y.

Home Office, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Boston Branch

811-813 Boylston Street



Legal Stamps WOLF'S Legal Stamps

Red Tag Sale

HALF PRICE MORE THAN ONE HALF

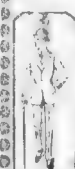
SAVE ABOUT ONE



Men's Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$10.00 and \$12.50 for

\$5



Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$15.00 and \$16.50

\$8.75



Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats

Worth \$18.00 and \$20

\$12.75

Big Bargains in Boys' Apparel

Boys' \$4-\$5 All-Wool Norfolk Suits

\$2.49

These are all wool. They are up to date, stylish, and comfortable. Made of medium and dark gray. Sizes 7 to 17, pants lined throughout.

Boys' \$3.00 Corduroy Suits

These are all wool. They are up to date, stylish, and comfortable. Made of medium and dark gray. Sizes 7 to 17, pants lined throughout.

\$1.98

25c Percale Blouses

Extra quality percale school blouses, sizes 7 to 15 and extra sizes 14 to 17.

17c

50c Flannel Blouses

Extra quality flannel school blouses, sizes 7 to 15 and extra sizes 14 to 17.

29c



\$3.85

\$6 to \$8.50 Suits & Overcoats

\$4.98

\$3.00 Winter Overcoats

\$1.67



Men's



Men's Trousers

\$3.00

Red Tag Sale

WOLF'S

Handover and Portland Streets

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Men's

\$2.00

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Billie Burke Again Appears in 'Jerry'

Miss Billie Burke, whose appearance in "Jerry" has been so successful, was again featured in the play at the Theatre on Thursday night. The play was given in the Theatre on Thursday night. The play was given in the Theatre on Thursday night.

CROSS, FEVERISH CHILD IS BILIOUS OR CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! If tongue is coated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs" that this is their only laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, treats and bowels without griping. When, from indigestion, feverishness or breath is lost, stomach sour, look at the tongue mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, acid bile and undigested food passes out of the lower intestine. Your little child will be happy, healthy and contented. "California Syrup of Figs" is a natural, healthy, and safe laxative, and is a sure remedy for all cases of biliousness, constipation, indigestion, and all other ailments of the stomach and bowels. It is a natural, healthy, and safe laxative, and is a sure remedy for all cases of biliousness, constipation, indigestion, and all other ailments of the stomach and bowels.

NEW COLLEGE CHAPTER ADVISED

Members of the chapter of the International Law Company to proceed to the division of the year and to advise the State and the city of Boston to share in its profits was recommended to the legislative committee on the subject of the proposed bill to amend the law relating to the International Law Company. The committee on the subject of the proposed bill to amend the law relating to the International Law Company. The committee on the subject of the proposed bill to amend the law relating to the International Law Company.

Mawson's Pictures for the Children

Next Monday morning a rare treat will be given to the children of the city. The pictures of the children of the city. The pictures of the children of the city. The pictures of the children of the city.

An Open Letter

(Addressed to the Public)

TO THE PUBLIC: I have been afflicted with an attack of Bronchitis which forced me to remain in bed for two months. The doctor in attendance diagnosed the condition as Bronchitis. I was in bed for two months. The doctor in attendance diagnosed the condition as Bronchitis. I was in bed for two months. The doctor in attendance diagnosed the condition as Bronchitis. I was in bed for two months.

MRS. DE CORDONA'S GEM CASE SAFE

2000 years in the history of No. 140 street, Boston, after the discovery of the lost jewels of Mrs. De Cordona, the jewels were found safe. The jewels were found safe. The jewels were found safe. The jewels were found safe.

Edison at 68 Keeps Busy Useful Till 85, He Says

Thomas A. Edison and John Ott, one of his first employees. Edison is still busy and useful. Edison is still busy and useful. Edison is still busy and useful. Edison is still busy and useful.

Spain to Build Atlantic Liners

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—The Times says that a Spanish naval construction company has been authorized to build a line of Atlantic liners. The company has been authorized to build a line of Atlantic liners. The company has been authorized to build a line of Atlantic liners.

Dance the Latest at Happy Twenty Ball

There's a new dance—rather there will be. It's the Happy Twenty Ball. It's the Happy Twenty Ball. It's the Happy Twenty Ball. It's the Happy Twenty Ball.

Fisher Donates Bill to Carmen

Professor Irving Fisher, the Yale political economy expert, has written a bill to Carmen. The bill is a contribution to the Carmen. The bill is a contribution to the Carmen. The bill is a contribution to the Carmen.

PORT OF BOSTON

Arrived: Dunder, Dunder, Dunder. Arrived: Dunder, Dunder, Dunder. Arrived: Dunder, Dunder, Dunder. Arrived: Dunder, Dunder, Dunder.

CAFE BOVA

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PLOT TO BLOW UP GRAND TRUNK R. R.

The Grand Trunk Railroad, from its headquarters in Montreal, has sent an official warning to all its agents in the United States and Canada of a plot to dynamite property owned by the railroad. The plot was to dynamite property owned by the railroad. The plot was to dynamite property owned by the railroad.

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Gallivan Seeks Navy Yard Work

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Congressman Gallivan has been striving to secure more work for the Charleston Navy Yard, where a large number of men are unemployed. The Charleston Navy Yard, where a large number of men are unemployed. The Charleston Navy Yard, where a large number of men are unemployed.

Regain the Mastery Over Blood Trouble

No Matter How Disagreeing You Can Overcome It



Blood disorders are quickly checked by S. S. S. the famous blood purifier. It restores the blood and in three months the system is completely renovated. It restores the blood and in three months the system is completely renovated. It restores the blood and in three months the system is completely renovated.

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Public Ownership and the Telephones

The joint legislative investigating committee considering telephone charges in Greater New York learns from Professor Bemis that the company is earning over 14 per cent. on a rather generous estimate of the value of its property.

Besides earning this extortionate profit the company pays to the parent company \$2 a year rental for instruments which cost to manufacture hardly \$3 each. This is exactly as if we were obliged to pay \$4,000 a year rent for a house that cost the owner only \$6,000 to build, including the cost of the land.

The monopoly enjoyed by the parent company as the result of its patents enables it to extort an exorbitant rental from the local company, while the monopoly enjoyed by the latter, as a result of the public franchise it holds, enables it to extort exorbitant rates for service from the people.

Both monopolies are conferred by the people, and both are used for their spoliation.

Hitherto reliance has been placed upon official regulation to prevent a too extortionate use of monopoly power. But how much good regulation has done in the past is shown by the fact that, despite it, the New York Telephone Company is charging its subscribers at least \$5,000,000 a year more than is necessary to give a fair return on the value of its property.

How much good regulation can accomplish will be shown by the use the legislative committee makes of the Bemis report.

Unless the future differs widely from the past **THE PUBLIC HAS LITTLE TO HOPE FROM REGULATION.** Nothing can be hoped from competition, for the telephone business is one that admits of no competition. Towns in which there are rival phone systems all testify to that effect.

In New York, as in other cities, the only final cure for the extortion of telephone companies lies in **PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.** So absolute a monopoly as this is made in private hands. The temptation to extortion is too great for private individuals, looking only for their own profit, to resist. And, unhappily, thus far regulation by public boards has always proved weak and ineffectual.

In England the telegraphs and telephones are alike owned by the government. It will be urged that the service by the latter there is inferior to that in this country. That is true, but true for a number of reasons other than government management. Beyond doubt the government CAN operate the telephones as efficiently as a private corporation, and it is worth noting that criticism of our private management is savage except at the moment when government ownership is being discussed.

Under government ownership the people of New York would not have to pay \$5,000,000 excess tribute over 7 per cent. dividends to the local company, while that company in turn pays to the parent company an annual rent for instruments almost equal to their cost. The service would remain a monopoly, but **THE PROFITS OF THE MONOPOLY WOULD ACCRUE TO THE PEOPLE.** Either through a material cheapening of the service so that telephone messages would cost as little as a letter today, or by the application of the earnings to the extension of the service so that "long distance" would entail no extra cost, the people would reap the profit.

Mr. Kenny Has Been an Honest and Able Public Servant

On January 30, Councillor Thomas J. Kenny took leave of the City Council in which he so faithfully served for five years. Mr. Kenny's service in the School Committee and in the city government has been all public. There never was the slightest suspicion that he used his public office to serve any private end. As a lawyer with prosperous business, his public activity was wholly a personal sacrifice. Those who are acquainted with his career know that he often leaned over backwards in the excess of propriety and honor. He earned the title of "Honest Tom Kenny" by deserving it.

He was not only honest, but able. His temperament prevented him from parading his virtues. He could not bluff or bluster and he would not make promises to win an election that he intended to break as soon as election was over.

The AMERICAN regrets that the public has lost the service of Mr. Kenny even temporarily. Let us hope that he will find it possible, without too great a personal sacrifice, to return to public life at no great interval.

Record of New Superintendent of Police Inspires Confidence

The AMERICAN congratulates Police Commissioner O'Meara upon the selection of Captain Crowley to be Superintendent of Police. Captain Crowley has, in the course of his service on the police force, exhibited qualities which undoubtedly fit him for the office to which Mr. O'Meara has appointed him.

It is an important office, the duties of which challenge the zeal and ability of the best man. But the more important the duty, the greater the responsibility, the greater the opportunity, both to serve the public and to serve one's self. Captain Crowley's record of service indicates that he is equal to the task.

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A Hand Across the Sea!

Stretched Forth Not in Friendship but in Need!

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Great Mysteries of Nature and Science

Do Plants Have Feelings and Are They Conscious of What They Are About and of the World Around Them?—Biology Gives Partial Answer

By GARRETT P. SERVICE

HERE is the substance of a letter with a very interesting question: "Could it be possible for plants to have a sort of intelligence (something answering to place of a brain), to prompt them to do the wonderful things that they perform in maintaining their lives and providing for the continuance of their posterity?"

It is no new idea that plants as well as animals possess consciousness. On the contrary that thought has long been in the back of the human mind ever since men began to express and record their impressions of things around them. Before exact science existed this idea had only a sort of poetic value, but it has gained definiteness since we have learned that there is not a single property of vegetal life which cannot be found existing in some degree among certain animals, and not a single characteristic trait of an animal which may not be observed in certain species, or at certain moments, in the vegetable world.

The writer of the letter thinks that plants must know what they are about. If they do, then they are conscious, and to be conscious is to have a certain degree, or kind, of intelligence. Consciousness in an oak tree would imply that the oak is somewhat aware of moisture and minerals from the soil and the air through its leaves and roots, as we are aware of our acts of eating and drinking. Biologists in substituting that low form of animal life possess consciousness have also, in some cases at least, been "aware of themselves." Consciousness acts through the nerves and an admirable mechanism. Have plants senses and a system of nerves? There is some ground for saying that there have. The

Indian biologist, Professor J. C. Bose of Calcutta, undertakes to show by actual experiments that plants possess virtually the same kind of sensitiveness that animals have. He points out what resembles organs of feeling in plants. They respond to stimuli; they feel a touch or a prick, and recoil from it. They get "tired," if made to do the same thing too long, or too frequently. They can be shocked electrically like animals. They can be poisoned and killed by the same chemicals that produce those effects upon animals. It has even been suggested that in certain cases plants instead of animals might be used as test agents to determine the effects of drugs and poisons.

"The higher the nervous organization the greater the degree of consciousness. It reaches its acme in man. It degrades with descent in the scale of animal organization. And, since at the bottom animals and plants cannot be distinguished, we must conclude that there is no sound reason for

denying some degree of consciousness to plants. "It seems to me," says Professor Charles S. Minot, "inconceivable that the evolution of animals should have taken place as it has, unless consciousness is a real factor and dominant. Accordingly, I hold that it actually affects the vital processes."

Henri Bergson, the French philosopher, who has made such a sensation recently by his ideas about "creative evolution," takes the view that, with regard to consciousness, animals and plants have developed in opposite directions. At the beginning each possessed the germ of consciousness. For the evolution of that germ incessant stimuli were needed, acting through organs of sensation. Freedom of movement, brought them into contact with varying stimuli, and thus they gradually gained in sensitiveness, developing more and more highly organized nervous systems. On the other hand, fixity, or want of locomotive freedom, which is

characteristic of plants, tended to dull the germ of consciousness, and to keep the plant world in general, as it were, asleep. "If consciousness slumbers in the animal that has degenerated into a motionless parasite, inversely it awakens in the plant that has recovered its liberty of movement, and it awakens in the exact degree to which this liberty has been realized. To find the best specimens of animal consciousness we must ascend to the highest representatives of the series, while to discover probable cases of vegetal consciousness we must descend as low as possible in the scale of plants, among organisms which may be said to hesitate whether to choose the animal or the vegetable form."

According to Mr. Bergson's idea, the only plants of relatively high organization that possess a notable degree of consciousness are such ones as "Venus," fly-trap, which catches insects in its flower-cup, digests their juices, and then casts out the indigestible parts; or the bladderwort, which, living in swampy water, possesses an active bladder that acts like an entrap in catching minute animals which are devoured by the plant. The organs by means of which these "sensitive plants" perform their surprising acts are perfectly fitted to their purpose as are our fingers. The manner in which the acts are done is such as to impress upon the observer an almost uncanny feeling that the plant is aware of what it is doing. And yet, a biologist of the school to which Mr. Bergson belongs, would laugh at the suggestion that a plant is anything more than an admirable mechanism, whose every movement is explicable by the self-made laws of chemistry and physics.

Inklings and Thinkings By WEX JONES

Frank L. Stetten points out that Jonah was the first crew of a submarine. And they've been a sort of bodoo crew ever since.

Life's mysteries. A Senate filibuster.

Among the unemployed, Pauley shawl designers, red flannel underwear makers, the carpet weavers, shirt-sleeve manufacturers.

Dear old Harper's Magazine. In boosting a story about a "bad man" a rule type of creature, the booster says the author, "by perfectly legitimate means, has made a hero of a Texas outlaw." Think 'evings, there's nothing illegal about the book. And further, the booster declares that the hero "enriches our imagination, although no glamour is thrown over him." Again, thank 'evings, everything is quite nice and legal.

Correspondent of an Arkansas paper refers to a circus elephant as "the big two-tailed tree."

FEBRUARY

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

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MONTH of good Saint Valentine
Sends the cap into the vine;
Birds begin to dream of nests;
Tender thoughts stir human breasts;
Little eggs swelling birth;
Linger near the place of earth.
Valentine, Saint, good and great,
Give each loving heart its mate.

On the bosom of earth may lie deep snows;
The gurgling winds from the north may shout
Wild tales of ice-bound lakes and rivers.
And yet by a code that Nature knows,
From root to roof and from sprout to sprout,
A message goes forth till the forest quivers
With the conscious turn of the year toward Spring.
A wonderful thing,
A wonderful thing.

Silent the message, and yet it is heard
Far and wide over brake and wold;
Whatever has life feels new life waken;
All things sentient are thrilled and stirred
By something subtle and sweet, and as old
As the age of the earth (it was there in the making)
And it finds a voice when the first birds sing;
A wonderful thing,
A wonderful thing.

Something subtle, and something sweet,
And something old as the primal plan,
Stirring the soul of the world to wonder:
On the level of Nature all things meet,
And the bulb in the sod, and the heart in the man,
The bird on the branch, and the wild beast under,
In this great love impulse are one in Spring;
A wonderful thing,
A wonderful thing.

Valentine, Saint, good and great,
Give each longing heart its mate.

The Kingdom of Dust By ELBERT HUBBARD

IN our pulpitman the other day, was a colored brother doing extra dead-heading home. He was ash-yellow in hue, and ultra-marine in spirit, immersed in gloom. I sought to disengage him from his melancholy.

"It is 'dust' off fast," he remarked. And then he explained that he had been up to Saint Paul to attend the funeral of his partner, who had died of tuberculosis.

"To relate the dust in these years," he said.

And I said nothing, because there was nothing to say.

Dust is not only the bane of the palace car, but it is the bane of the palace, cottage and the common abode. To relieve the house of dust is to add to the length of days of its occupants.

I have been reading a remarkable little book entitled, "The Kingdom of Dust," by Dr. J. Gordon Owen, an eminent professor of physics and chemistry.

"The Kingdom of Dust is the Kingdom of Death."

In this book Dr. Owen says, "Dust is the right hand of Death."

Dr. Owen then goes on to say, "More than half of all deaths in the world, from the Equator to the Pole, are due to the distribution and breathing in of dust."

Dust carries with it the germs of diseases, and it is the germ of diseases.

Bacteria exist in all dust where human beings live, eat, sleep, move, work. Bacteria are everywhere, we are throwing off particles of animal matter.

Bacteria are a form of vegetation, so small, so minute, that fifty-thousand of these germs may sit on the edge of a knife blade along a line one inch in length.

Some are visible under the microscope. Others are so minute that the highest power of the microscope fails to find them. We only know that they exist by watching their growth. They come and evolve, and we can detect them.

The average house, where the rooms are only faintly ventilated and the house-keeping is indifferent, may have from ten to fifteen thousand bacteria to the cubic foot.

These conditions are not especially unfavorable to life. But when you get up to twenty thousand living germs to the cubic foot you are getting into danger, and this often happens in homes that are not properly swept and cleaned.

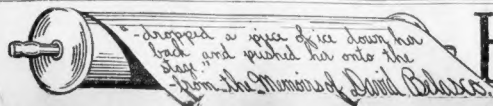
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If we could be well, we must devise a plan by which the bacteria are not simply scattered through the room by sweeping and dusting, but by which they are picked up effectively, captured and destroyed.

FAIRY TALES

By CONSTANCE CLARKE

DO we believe in them? Ah, yes, we must. Forgotten lore sacred to childhood trust. And yet a sorry place this world would be Where played no hidden fairy plan. With "Once upon a time" we settle down To clinking armor, rustling satin gown. And were they married, yet how scarce the laughter Without, "And they lived happily ever after." How often at the crossroads gleams a sign That we are wandering near the border line Of fairy realms, and winged our tired feet stray Where fairy footstep lightly lead the way.



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